slaught of a human battering ram were not more needed than in planning and executing the taking of a fine head. And everything as well regulated by tradition and custom as in a fencing bout. Dressed in the armor of a gee-string and armed with a shield, a spear, and a battle-axe, the knight was equipped to sally forth and take a head—or lose his own. The skull of the specimen adorned the outside of the house of the victor, as trophies do the homes of big-game hunters.

I repeat that headhunting was the most serious business and the favorite sport of the mountain people of Luzon until recent years. The practice had been indulged in by the Philippine highlanders from the most ancient times of which there are traditions. To eliminate the taking of heads was quite a problem for American and Filipino officials. The influence of the public schools, the holding of grand *canaos* (ceremonial feasts at which dancing takes place), and athletic contests, like tugs of war, in which rivalries were settled, have been the most important factors in doing away with headhunting. By these means, the various headhunting practices have been largely checked. However, even now, the temptation to take a head is sometimes too great to be resisted, but such cases are rare and usually other causes, as robbery, are present.

In one sense I was wrong in stating that headhunting has been eliminated* The game persists in government circles. It is the practice to create new offices and positions. Then every so often officialdom becomes extremely virtuous. A committee to reorganize the government and effect economy

is authorized. Heads fall right and left—and if these heads partake of the contour of officials not in the graces of the man in authority, it is excused as being for the good of the service. Governor-General Wright had his headhunting committee 3 Governor-General Harrison took saturnine pleasure in working the official guillotine overtime, and Governor-General Roosevelt, aided and abetted by President Manuel L. Quezon, weeded out the unneeded and undeserving.